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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 2 May 20002 on the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following lines before the first line (BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION):

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/333,716, filed June 15, 1999, *now U.S. Patent 6,462,629*

On page 2, line 2, please delete "DISCLOSED UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98."

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 5, line 1 with the following:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a prior art ceramic band-pass filter. Filter 10 is formed of a ceramic block with some surfaces having a conductive metal plate thereon and includes a top face 12, a bottom face 14, side faces 16 and 18, and end faces 20 and 22. Filter 10 further comprises parallel cylindrical bores 24 and 26 that openly